

2026 IIAG Scorecard - Cabo Verde

OVERALL GOVERNANCE

2025 SCORE/100	2025 RANK/54	CHANGE 2016-2025
70.3	3 rd	-0.6

TREND

Increasing Improvement	Bouncing Back	No Change
Slowing Improvement	Slowing Deterioration	Not Classified
Warning Signs	Increasing Deterioration	

SECURITY & RULE OF LAW

	SCORE/100 2025	RANK/54 2025	CHANGE 2016-2025
SECURITY & RULE OF LAW	67.4	4	-3.7
SECURITY & SAFETY	79.8	10	-5.5
Absence of Armed Conflict	100.0	1	0.0
Absence of Violence against Civilians	100.0	1	0.0
Absence of Forced Migration	97.1	6	-0.4
Absence of Human Trafficking & Forced Labour	76.4	4	-13.5
Absence of Crime	66.4	22	-5.4
Public Perception of Security & Safety	38.8	26	-13.7
RULE OF LAW & JUSTICE	76.1	2	-4.0
Executive Compliance with the Rule of Law	88.5	3	-3.1
Impartiality of the Judicial System	77.7	9	-20.9
Judicial Processes	75.1	5	-8.0
Equality before the Law	100.0	1	0.0
Law Enforcement	59.0	8	+18.4
Property Rights	93.8	1	+1.0
Public Perception of the Rule of Law	38.4	16	-15.6
ACCOUNTABILITY & TRANSPARENCY	57.4	7	-2.0
Institutional Checks & Balances	82.6	3	-10.4
Absence of Undue Influence	50.0	14	-12.5
Civic Checks & Balances	52.1	23	-13.9
Disclosure of Public Records	58.3	3	+20.8
Accessibility of Public Records	46.5	13	+19.7
Public Perception of Accountability	55.1	13	-15.5
ANTI-CORRUPTION	56.1	8	-3.7
Anti-Corruption Mechanisms	41.7	20	-8.3
Absence of Corruption in State Institutions	71.5	5	-6.7
Absence of Corruption in the Public Sector	67.6	6	-1.6
Public Procurement Procedures	25.0	30	0.0
Absence of Corruption in the Private Sector	81.9	4	+7.7
Public Perception of Anti-Corruption	48.9	19	-13.1

FOUNDATIONS FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

	SCORE/100 2025	RANK/54 2025	CHANGE 2016-2025
FOUNDATIONS FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY	67.2	5	-0.5
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	75.7	7	+2.6
Civil Registration	100.0	1	0.0
Capacity of the Statistical System	54.1	24	+2.5
Effective Administration	67.2	9	-2.1
Tax & Revenue Mobilisation	65.5	14	+0.6
Budgetary & Financial Management	77.8	13	0.0
Public Perception of Easiness to Obtain an Identity Document	89.5	2	+14.5
BUSINESS & LABOUR ENVIRONMENT	62.7	4	+1.9
Regional Integration	48.9	20	+2.8
Economic Diversification	70.2	16	-1.5
Business & Competition Regulations	72.5	8	+5.3
Access to Banking Services	86.7	2	+16.1
Labour Relations	59.2	17	-17.4
Secure Employment Opportunities	81.6	11	+3.7
Public Perception of Economic Opportunities	20.0	30	+4.5
INFRASTRUCTURE	56.7	12	+1.1
Transport Network	41.5	9	-3.6
Access to Energy	91.2	8	+9.4
Mobile Communications	81.9	16	+2.9
Internet	45.5	10	+12.1
Shipping & Postal Network	29.5	30	+1.8
Public Perception of Infrastructure	50.7	15	-15.7
RURAL ECONOMY	73.8	12	-7.5
Rural Land & Water Access	77.7	13	0.0
Rural Market Access	.	.	.
Rural Economy Support	70.3	23	+4.2
Rural Representation & Participation	73.5	22	-26.5

PARTICIPATION, RIGHTS & INCLUSION

	SCORE/100 2025	RANK/54 2025	CHANGE 2016-2025
PARTICIPATION, RIGHTS & INCLUSION	78.2	2	-0.7
PARTICIPATION	79.2	2	-2.8
Freedom of Association & Assembly	87.5	1	-12.5
Political Pluralism	79.3	2	+1.8
Civil Society Space	88.0	5	-8.6
Democratic Elections	84.6	2	+5.9
Deliberative & Participatory Governance	65.2	17	-4.9
Public Perception of Political Participation	70.8	5	+1.9
RIGHTS	85.9	1	-0.9
Personal Liberties	84.0	2	-0.1
Freedom of Expression & Belief	98.2	1	+0.1
Media Freedom	76.5	6	-14.3
Digital Freedom	84.6	4	-7.4
Protection against Discrimination	88.9	1	+33.3
Public Perception of Freedom of Speech	83.4	9	-16.6
INCLUSION & EQUALITY	65.9	4	-2.6
Equal Political Power	64.9	3	+1.1
Equal Political Representation	71.6	3	+4.0
Equal Civil Liberties	76.5	5	-2.9
Equal Socioeconomic Opportunities	68.1	15	+3.1
Equal Access to Public Services	42.3	25	-3.7
Public Perception of Inclusion & Equality	72.2	2	-17.0
WOMEN'S EQUALITY	81.7	1	+3.2
Political Power & Representation of Women	54.2	22	+3.0
Rights & Civil Liberties for Women	92.1	5	+4.0
Socioeconomic Opportunity for Women	66.9	8	+2.0
Access to Public Services for Women	77.0	8	+2.2
Laws on Violence against Women	100.0	1	0.0
Public Perception of Female Leadership	100.0	1	+7.8

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

	SCORE/100 2025	RANK/54 2025	CHANGE 2016-2025
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	68.2	5	+2.3
HEALTH	72.1	3	+0.3
Access to Healthcare	62.0	11	-6.1
Access to Water & Sanitation	79.9	9	+9.0
Control of Communicable Diseases	92.4	6	+0.5
Control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs)	75.5	16	-1.5
Child & Maternal Health	93.5	2	+2.1
Health Quality	54.2	12	+5.4
Public Perception of Health Provision	47.0	22	-7.8
EDUCATION	69.1	7	-0.9
Equality in Education	54.9	20	-9.1
Education Enrolment	60.1	6	-1.8
Education Completion	72.2	7	+10.2
Human Resources in Education	97.0	3	+2.4
Education Quality	71.3	5	+3.4
Public Perception of Education Provision	59.1	18	-10.3
SOCIAL PROTECTION & WELFARE	66.9	7	+3.5
Social Safety	58.3	8	+8.3
Poverty Reduction Policies	83.9	3	-0.8
Socioeconomic Inequality Mitigation	71.1	9	+8.0
Decent Housing	72.3	21	+3.4
Food Security	75.5	14	+5.9
Public Perception of Social Protection & Lived Poverty	40.4	16	-3.6
SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT	64.9	9	+6.5
Promotion of Environmental Sustainability	76.2	6	+19.9
Enforcement of Environmental Policies	57.9	15	+7.3
Air Quality	82.3	10	+5.5
Sustainable Use of Land & Forests	64.2	19	-6.3
Land & Water Biodiversity Protection	43.9	27	+5.9